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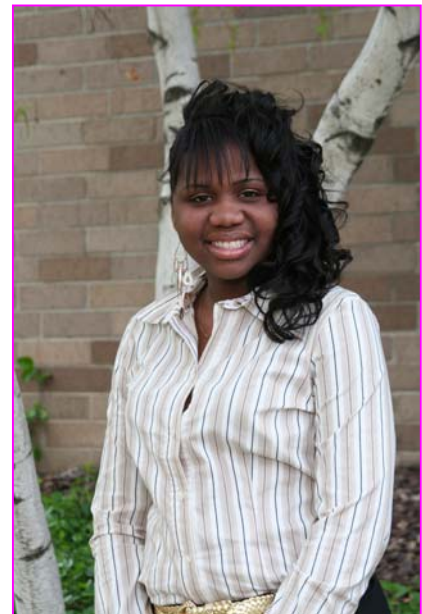
Dear Friend,

You know so many times as elected officials we are looked at in a different light. Some elected officials don't even want you to call them by their first name; you have to put the title before addressing them. Not me because when the dear Lord calls me, he is going to say "Beth," he is not going to say Supervisor Coggs-Jones. So I would just like to take this time out to remind everyone that as elected officials, we are also human beings.

Elected officials have the same challenges, trails and victories as everyone else. We all walk in the same shoes...we have relationship, financial, family successes and problems. So next time you get to thinking or talking about an elected official because they are crossing a bridge in their lives, that might have some troubled water...just think about it...elected officials are human beings too.

Devona Marcia... Goes For The Gold Award

In speaking about everyday people person, some of you might not be aware of it...but I am also a proud mother. I have three beautiful daughters and most recently my youngest baby girl, Devona Marcia was awarded the highest recognition in Girl Scouts by earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.



To earn the Gold Award it takes at least one year of preparation work before you embark on the community service portion of the Gold Award. Most girls earn their Gold Award in two to three years. When Devona saw the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and realized that many of its victims relocated to Milwaukee, she decided to design a Gold Award Project to help them. Devona planned and carried out a collection of clothing, furniture and other household items. She collected 2 tons of clothing, ½ ton of household items and a large amount of furniture. The items were delivered to the New Concept Self Development Center, Repairer's of the Breach and the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) Social Services. **Michelle Crockett, Devona's Project Advisor said, "Devona is an outstanding young leader! She showed exemplary passion as she worked to complete her project. Her caring was the greatest in the delivery of the donations. Many of the recipients cried with joy when they received the clothing and household items."**

Bird Flu...What You Need To Know Do Not Under Estimate

Let's Be Better Prepared For The Avian/Bird Flu...We Never Know

First let me thank Karen Murphy Smith for her advocacy in this area and so many more. She called and was instrumental in saying "Beth maybe Milwaukee County or someone should look into this matter." As Chairman of the Health and Human Needs Committee, I did a resolution that passed in the May cycle of the County Board. We will have a report back to us in the July cycle.

As much as we in government do not want people to panic, we do not want people to be unprepared. State Representative Barbara Toles serves as our liaison with the State of Wisconsin. The resolution that I introduced will have Milwaukee County work with the City of Milwaukee Health Department to have plans put in place. I will keep everyone abreast of this matter as things unfold. Below please find more information; also there is a list of how you can be better prepared for this emergency. Lastly have family meetings to plan on how to handle matters if the Bird Flu does hit the United States.

Bird Flu...Information Checklist

You can prepare for influenza pandemic now. You should know both the magnitude of what can happen during a pandemic outbreak and what actions you can take to help lessen the impact of an influenza pandemic on you and your family. This checklist will help you gather the information and resources you may need in case of a flu pandemic.

1. To plan for a pandemic:

- Store a two-week supply of water and food. During a pandemic, if you cannot get to a store, or if stores are out of supplies, it will be important for you to have extra supplies on hand. This can be useful in other types of emergencies, such as power outages and disasters.
- Have any nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes, and vitamins.
- Talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick, or what will be needed to care for them in your home.
- Volunteer with local groups to prepare and assist with emergency response.
- Get involved in your community as it works to prepare for an influenza pandemic.

2. To limit the spread of germs and prevent infection:

- Teach your children to wash hands frequently with soap and water, and model the correct behavior.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues, and be sure to model that behavior.
- Teach your children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick. Stay home from work and school if sick.

3. Items to have on hand for an extended stay at home:

Examples of food and non-perishables	Examples of medical, health, and emergency supplies
○ Ready-to-eat canned meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, beans, and soups	○ Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood-pressure monitoring equipment
○ Protein or fruit bars	○ Soap and water, or alcohol-based (60-95%) hand wash
○ Dry cereal or granola	○ Medicines for fever, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen
○ Peanut butter or nuts	○ Thermometer
○ Dried fruit	○ Anti-diarrhea medication
○ Crackers	○ Vitamins
○ Canned juices	○ Fluids with electrolytes
○ Bottled water	○ Cleansing agent/soap
○ Canned or jarred baby food and formula	○ Flashlight
○ Pet food	○ Batteries
○ Other non-perishable items	○ Portable radio
	○ Manual can opener
	○ Garbage bags
	○ Tissues, toilet paper, disposable diapers

[Family Emergency Health Information Sheet](#) & [Emergency Contacts Form](#)

For More Information

- Visit: www.pandemicflu.gov
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hotline, 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636), is available in English and Spanish, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY: 1-888-232-6348. Questions can be e-mailed to cdcinfo@cdc.gov.